CHAPTER 128:
MAKING PROGRESS IN
HIS OWN WAY
BLUES

WE FIGURED YOU'D BE BETTER OFF BECOMING A PRO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

TRYING TO DISTRACT ME OR SOMETHING?

NOTHING! SHUT UP AND RING THE BELL, SEIKICHI!

OKAY.

SEIKICHI, YOU BETTER WATCH CLOSE! YOU'RE OUR WITNESS.

WHAT'S ON HIS APPLICATION FORM?

G-GAH... SHUT UP!

YOU WANT ME TO SHOW HIM YOUR PRO TEST APPLICATION FORM?

I'LL FIGURE OUT WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON.
NEVER MIND, I'LL KNOW ONCE THIS SPAR'S OVER.

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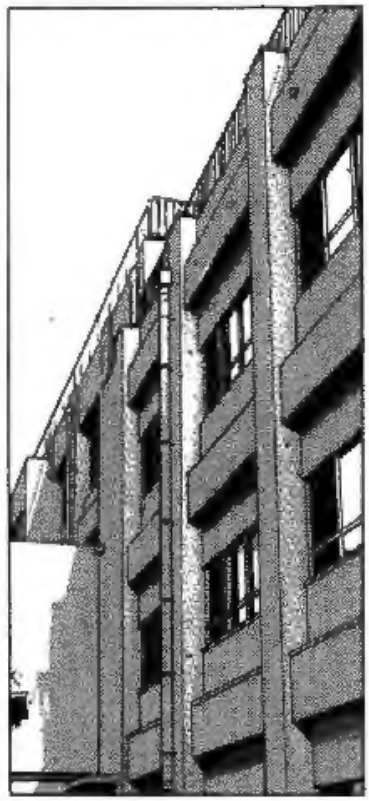
MAEDA-SAN SAID HE WAS GONNA BE BUSY, BUT WHERE IS HE?
HE LOOKED LIKE HE WAS GOING TO THE BOXING CLUB ROOM.



YO, JOE! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

SHUT UP, YOU'RE PISSING ME OFF!
JEEZ, EVEN WHEN MAEDA-SAN'S NOT AROUND, YOU STILL WANT A FIGHT?
AND IT'S NONE OF YOUR FUCKING BUSINESS!

I'M GONNA GO FIGHT SOMEBODY.

COME ON...

ARE YOU SERIOUS, JOE? WE'RE NOT GONNA GO WITH YOU!
I'M GONNA PUNCH THE FIRST GUY WHO LOOKS AT ME WRONG.
THE PARK.
WHERE ARE YOU GONNA GO?

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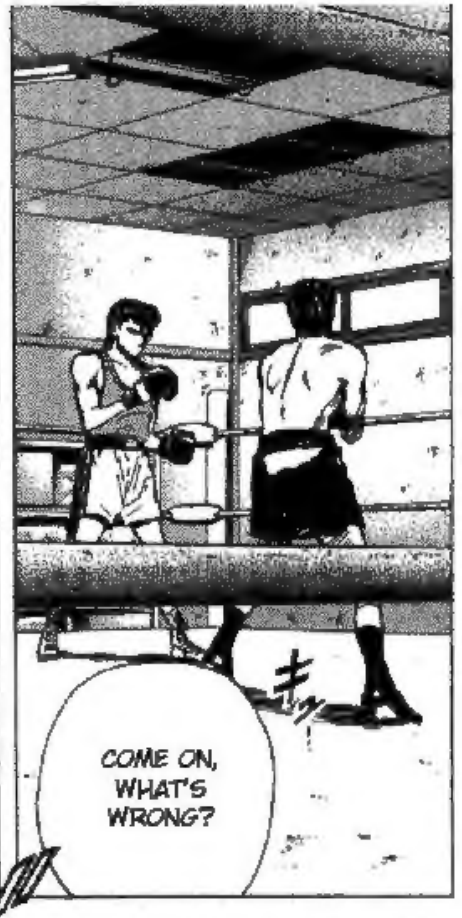
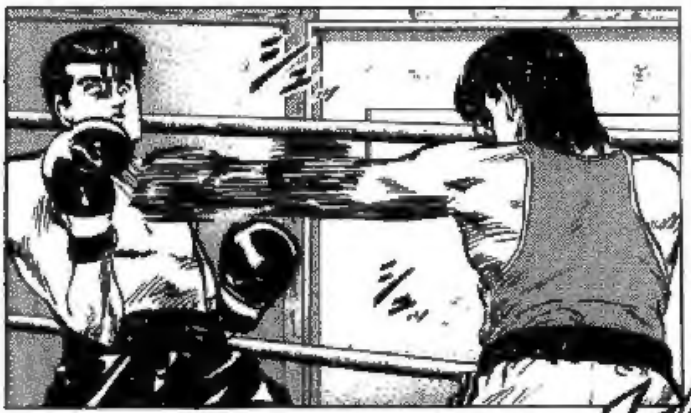
FINE, IF YOU WON'T START, I WILL.


COME ON, WHAT'S WRONG?



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LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE MADE PROGRESS SINCE I LEFT.
DAMN, YOU'VE GOTTEN A LOT BETTER AT DODGING.

YOU THINK IF I WIN, I'M GONNA GET ALL PSYCHED ABOUT BEING A PRO, SO YOU'RE PULLING YOUR PUNCHES, HUH?

YOU THINK I CARE ABOUT YOU THAT MUCH?
CHEH...

BUT IF YOU THINK I WAS HOLDING BACK...

I WAS GONNA SHOW YOU HOW MUCH FASTER I'VE BEEN GETTING...

WH...
UGH!
NGH!
KH...

LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE GOTTEN BETTER.

HEHEH...

HEH... THEN I'LL SHUT UP.

SAVE THE COMPLIMENTS FOR AFTER I KICK YOUR ASS.

FU...

GH...
WHEN DID THEY START INFIGHTING?

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KH...

AND I'VE GOT A COUPLE MORE PUNCHES YOU STILL DON'T KNOW ABOUT.

YOU SUR-PRISED ME THERE.
PRETTY GOOD.

COME ON, JOE, GIVE IT A REST!

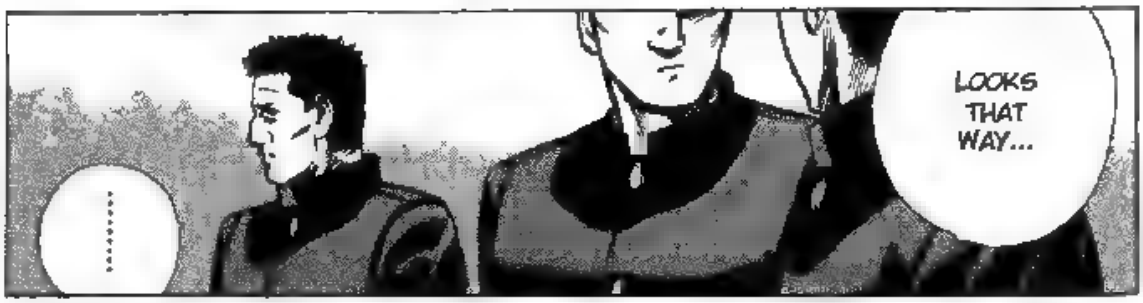
IT'S NOT THAT WE DON'T GET WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM.

WHAT THE FUCK DOES HE MEAN HE'S BUSY?

THIS GUY COULDN'T FIGHT ANYONE!
CHEH !
AAAH...

AND HE'S CHOSEN BOXING OVER FIGHTING FOR NOW.

THAT MEANS... JOE WAS RIGHT AND MAEDA-SAN WAS WORRIED.
IF HE AND SEIKICHI ARE IN THE BOXING CLUB ROOM, THEY'RE PROBABLY SPARRING...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LOOKS THAT WAY...

GUESS SO.
OH, WELL, NOT MUCH WE CAN DO.

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NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT, RIGHT, JOE?
MAEDA-SAN'S JUST DOING WHAT HE WANTS TO.

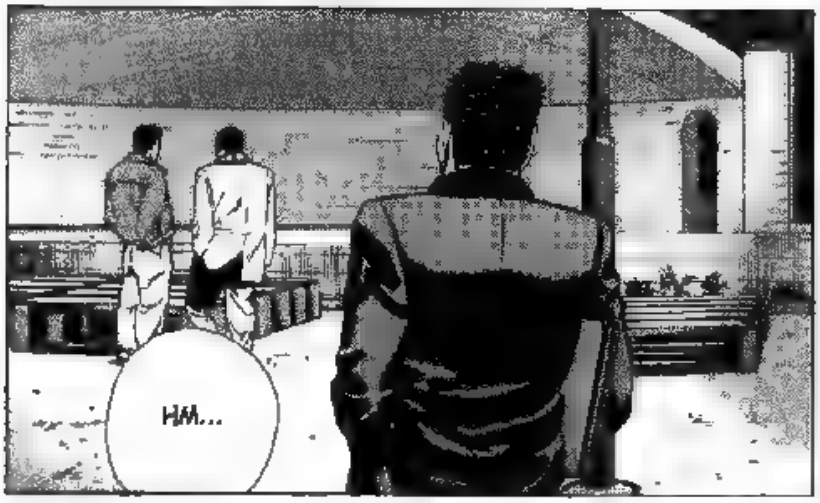
AT LEAST WE'VE GOT ANOTHER YEAR WITH HIM.

THERE'S NO WAY HE'D DO THAT.
WHEN YOU SAY IT LIKE THAT, IT SOUNDS LIKE HE'S GONNA DITCH US ONCE HE GETS OUT OF HERE.

SOMETIMES I THINK HE MIGHT.

YEAH, THAT WAS ALL YOU.
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, WEREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO STARTED TALKING ABOUT BOXING?

HUH?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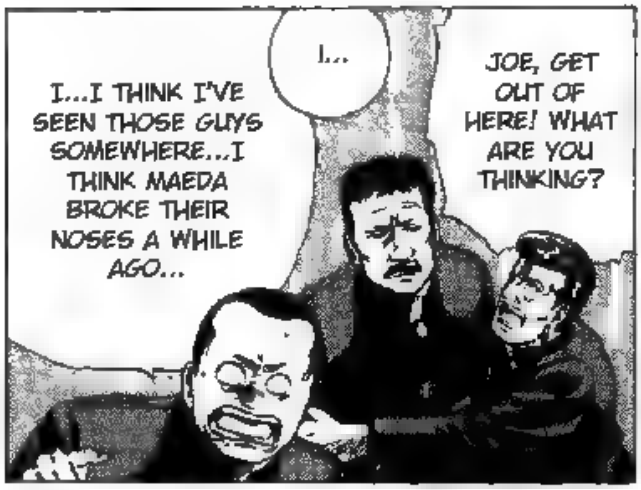

I...I THINK I'VE SEEN THOSE GUYS SOMEWHERE...I THINK MAEDA BROKE THEIR NOSES A WHILE AGO...
I...
JOE, GET OUT OF HERE! WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?

MAKE SURE THEY DON'T SEE US.
WE'RE SCREWED ...
Y-YEAH, THAT...

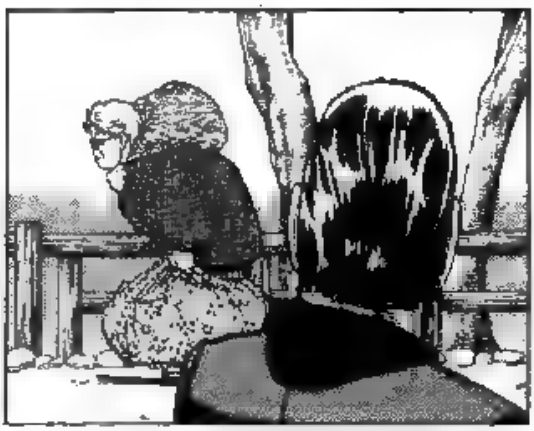
YOU'RE NOT MAEDA-SAN...
NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY PISS YOU OFF, DON'T PICK A FIGHT WITH THEM.

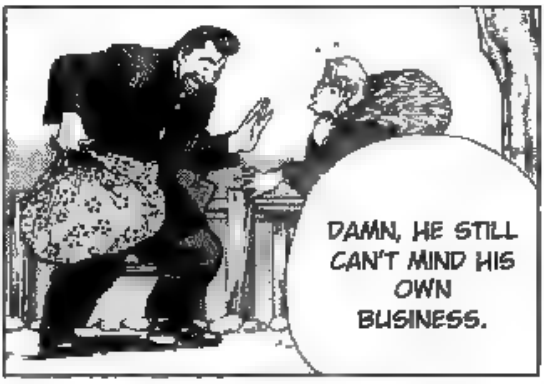
JEEZ, THEY LOOK LIKE RABID DOGS...

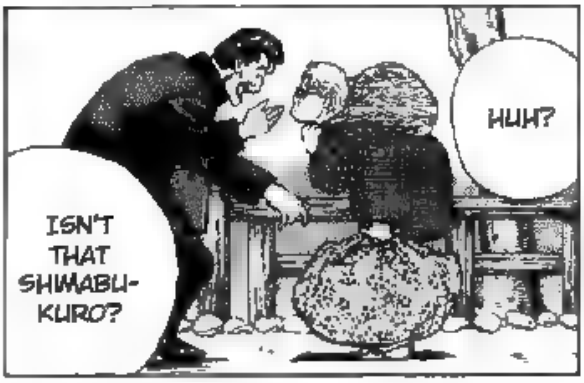
NO I DON'T!

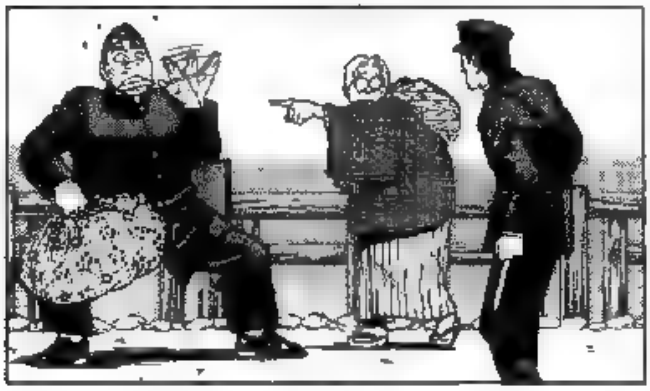
BET YOU REGRET TALKING TO MAEDA-SAN ABOUT BOXING NOW, HUH?

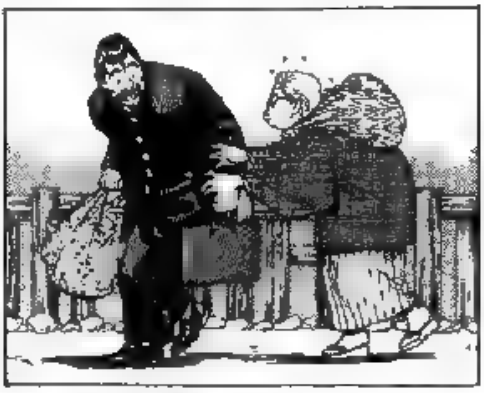
YOU SAYING YOU WANT TO CARRY IT?
WOW... SHE'S GOT A HEAVY BAG.




DAMN, HE STILL CAN'T MIND HIS OWN BUSINESS.


HUH?
ISN'T THAT SHIMABU-KURO?





SHUT THE FUCK UP!
DAHAHA-HAHAHA-HAHA!

TOO BAD ANY GUY WITH YOUR FACE WOULD JUST LOOK LIKE A MUGGER.
JEEZ, JUST TRYING TO BE NICE, HUH?

NEXT TIME I SEE HIM, HE'S A DEAD MAN!
SHUT UP! AND TELL MAEDA ONE THING!

HUH?

OH, YEAH...YOU STILL HAVEN'T FINISHED A REAL FIGHT WITH MAEDA-SAN...
HUH... WHERE'S MAEDA TODAY?

HUH?
COME ON, MAN, DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM.
HE'S KIND OF PISSED OFF TODAY.

OH, YEAH, HE'S SEIJI'S BROTHER. HE TRIED TO TAKE ME OUT...
WHERE HAVE I SEEN HIM BEFORE?

COME ON, NOT YOU TOO, JOE...
HUUH?

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THE FUCK IS YOUR PROBLEM!
JOE!

YOU'RE DEAD!
SERIOUSLY, GUYS!
THERE'S ALREADY A COP!
NWOOOH!

DIE!
BGWAH!

OWW!
UGH!

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THE FUCK DO YOU LITTLE SHITS THINK YOU'RE DOING!?
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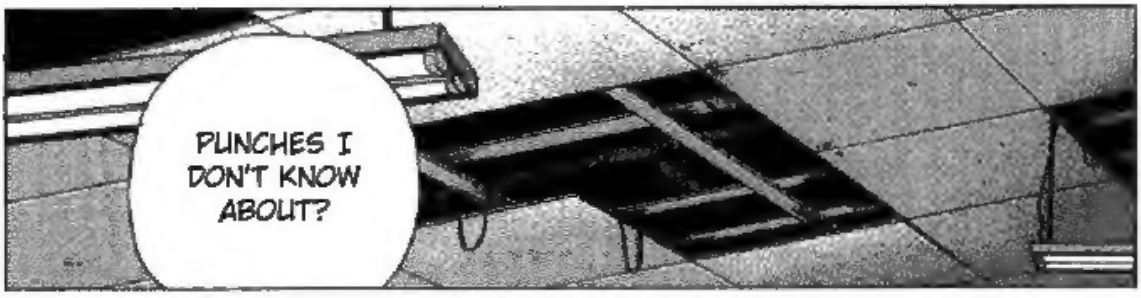
PUNCHES I DON'T KNOW ABOUT?

HEHEH...THAT'S WHAT I'M GONNA SHOW YOU.

FIGURED OUT ANYTHING INTERESTING?

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